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In re Application of:

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Based on Int'l Application No.: PCT/EP2003/010572

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For: **TRANSCRIPTIONAL ACTIVATOR GENE FOR
GENES INVOLVED IN COBALAMIN
BIOSYNTHESIS**

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New York, New York
March 23, 2005

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please enter the amendment set forth below. Because this Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with the above-identified application, no fee is believed due. If, however, a fee is due, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION begin on page 3 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 4 of this paper.